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## **Mayor's Office Accepting Nominations for Annual Food Heroes Award**

*Cambridge to Honor Local Individuals Who Work to Improve Food Access for All*

**[Cambridge, MA]** Mayor David Maher announced today that the Mayor's Office will be accepting nominations for 2014 Food Hero Awards from September 18<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. Cambridge Food Heroes will be honored at a special ceremony in the Mayor's Office on October 23<sup>th</sup>, in honor of the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Day, a nationwide celebration of healthy, sustainably produced foods and a campaign for better food policies.

"We want to acknowledge the people in our city committed to reducing hunger and promoting healthy food culture in our city. The work they do to nourish our communities is invaluable, and we want to continue to encourage and celebrate their efforts," said Mayor Maher. "It is a pleasure to continue the tradition of honoring local food heroes and I want to welcome nominations from every corner of Cambridge."

Food Heroes nominees are individuals who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring that everyone in our community is nourished and cared for. Food Heroes are residents that help support local farms, gardens, or urban agriculture; those who work to reduce hunger or fight for food justice; those who support sustainable agriculture or fishing; or someone who fights for better working conditions for food or farm workers. Nominees can be educators, business owners, public employees, chefs, students or writers.

On Food Day, October 24<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Maher will be presenting awards to the selected Food Heroes and will host a celebration in City Hall for those who help to promote healthier diets or work to make healthier food more accessible to all.

Nomination forms are available on the Mayor's website for download at <http://www.cambridgema.gov/mayor> or in print at the Mayor's Office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall.

Cambridge residents who know someone that fits the description of a Food Hero are encouraged to submit a nomination. The committee will choose from submissions and the food heroes will be honored at a special ceremony on Food Day. Nominations will be accepted via email at [fhero@cambridgema.gov](mailto:fhero@cambridgema.gov) or via mail at "Food Heroes Nomination, c/o Mayor's Office, 795 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139". The deadline for nominations is October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.

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